



# Arizona Department of Public Safety

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## **Drugs Located in Abandoned Vehicle**

On Jan. 4, 2009, at about 11:25 P.M., the Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) received a call of a suspicious vehicle that had pulled abruptly in to the Gas City parking lot in Benson, Arizona. The vehicle, a 1997 Pontiac 4-door, had been abandoned. The officer ran his canine, "Mack", on the vehicle. The dog alerted to the presence of illegal drugs. The officer located 141 pounds of marijuana in the trunk. Officers from DPS and U.S. Border Patrol searched the area but the driver was not located. The investigation is ongoing

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